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## **Public Disclosure Commission**

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# Requests for Review/Reconsideration

The Commission let stand findings of violations and the civil penalties imposed against **So Tired of Paying Taxes**, a political committee based in Spokane, and **Jerald Klein**, lobbyist for Washington Cedar and Supply.

At an enforcement hearing held on March 17, 2003, PDC Vice Chair Susan Brady found So Tired of Paying Taxes in violation of the Open Government Act by failing to timely file debts and obligations for the purchase of billboards and print advertisements and assessed the committee a civil penalty of \$400. In a separate hearing held on April 22, 2003 PDC Chairman Mike Connelly found Jerald Klein in violation for failure to timely file monthly lobbyist expense reports for January and February of 2003 and assessed Klein a civil penalty of \$200. The violations and penalties in both cases stand as ordered.

#### Rule Making

The Commission adopted two amended rules designed to 1) clarify that campaign pledges can be made and redeemed after the date of the primary election in accordance with statutory changes made in 2001 and 2) clarify sponsor identification requirements for political advertisement undertaken as an independent expenditure and remove the requirement that broadcast political advertising conform to the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission also began the formal process of reviewing and updating the PDC enforcement hearing (adjudicative proceedings) rules.

## **Advisory Matters**

The Commission requested that the Office of the Attorney General appeal a recent ruling affecting the interpretation of RCW 42.17.640 as it relates to affiliated entities. The Court of Appeals for Division II ruled in Edelman v. PDC that automatically affiliated entities could not maintain separate contribution limits as outlined in WAC 390-16-311. Citing the statewide importance of the rule, the Commission expressed the opinion that the State Supreme Court should ultimately decide the issue of contribution limits as those limits relate to affiliated entities.

The Commission reviewed and amended an interpretative opinion for dealing with requests for modification of the personal financial affairs reporting requirements for an applicant whose spouse creates a reporting obligation for the applicant. Interpretation 02-06 was formally amended by the Commission.

## **Reporting Modifications**

The Commission suspended the requirement of reporting all or some of the business and governmental customers for six individuals when filing a statement of personal financial affairs. The following requests for modifications were granted:

- **Bruce Allen, School Director**, Highland School District 203, from reporting the business customers of Tree Top, Inc., a cooperative of which he is a director.
- **Craig Cole, Regent**, University of Washington, from reporting the business customers of Associated Grocers, Inc., of which he is a director.
- **Bruce Dammeier, School Director**, Puyallup School District #3, from reporting the business customers of Valley Press/Print NW, of which he is a minority owner.
- **Michael L. Kelley, Mayor**, City of Fife, received a partial modification from reporting the "contaminated soil" business customers of Fife Sand & Gravel LLC, of which he is owner.
- William A. Linton, Candidate for Freeholder, City of Bellevue, from reporting some business customers of the law firm of Linville, Clausen, Linton & Holley, PLLC, of which he is part owner.
- Connie M. Niva, Commissioner, Washington State Transportation Commission, from reporting the business and governmental customers of LMN Architects, of which her spouse, Jud Marquardt, is a partner, except for those of which she is aware.

The Commission renewed with minor changes the reporting modifications to the statement of personal financial affairs of three individuals. The following renewals with minor changes were granted.

- Kenneth Alhadeff, Regent, Washington State University, renewal and from reporting business customers
  of Temple De Hirsch Sinai, of which he is a board member, and the Foundation for Early Learning, of which
  his spouse is a board member.
- Monte Dahlstrom, Commissioner, Grays Harbor Water District #2, renewal and from reporting the business customers of Little River, Inc., of which he is part owner.
- Steven Hill, Regent, Washington State University, renewal and from reporting the business customers of Willamette Industries, of which he was a director prior to its merger into the Weyerhaeuser Company.

Twenty-five individuals and one organization were granted renewals to prior reporting modifications of the statement of personal financial affairs. The following renewals with no changes and consistent with PDC Interpretation 02-03, 02-04, 02-05 and 02-06 were granted.

William D. Ruckelshaus, Chairman, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Betty Woods, Trustee, Western Washington University, William W. Baker, Judge, Division 1 Court of Appeals, Richard Baldwin, School Director, Northshore School District, Jeffrey Brotman, Regent, Washington State University, Robert Craves, Member, Higher Education Coordinating Board, Aubrey Davis, Member, Washington State Transportation Commission, Marcus Gaspard, Regent/Trustee, Higher Education Facilities Authority, Gerald Grinstein, Regent, University of Washington, Stephen L. Johnson, State Senator, 47<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, King County, Leslie Jones, Trustee, Central Washington University, David Lamb, Trustee, Evergreen State College, Isabelle Lamb, Commissioner, Port of Grays Harbor, Arch Miller, Commissioner, Port of Vancouver, Linda Owings-Rosenburgh, County Assessor, Clallam County, LeeAnn Powers, School Director, Central Kitsap School District #401 (2002 and 2003), Frank Radford, Commissioner, Finn Hill Park & Recreation District, Jay A. Reich, Trustee, Central Washington University, Richard Roozen, School Board Member, Mount Vernon (2002 and 2003), Jeanne Stewart, Council Member, City of Vancouver (2002 and 2003), Cynthia Sullivan, Council Member, King County, Mark Thompson, Commissioner, Black Lake Fire Protection District #5, Melinda Travis, Commissioner, Washington State Lottery Commission, Elizabeth Verhey, Judge, Tacoma Municipal Court, Washington State School Directors' Association (on behalf of its members)

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